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1. About 75 single-engine aircraft with in-line engines and angular wings, and four twin-engine DC-3s were seen at the Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield on 28 July 1950. (1) There was no flying.
2. On the morning of 25 July 1950, 43 single-engine, low-wing mono-planes with in-line engines, two-seater cockpits, weapons firing to the rear and landing gears retracting rearward were parked in the northeastern section of the field. A minimum of 20 planes of the same type were in the southern section of the field. (1) At 11 a.m. a jet plane with swept-back wings took off from the field using the entire length of the runway. The plane headed north and had not returned by 3 p.m. (2) The single-engine planes were refueled and started flying about 1 p.m. Nine planes took off in elements of two or three at 15 or 20 minute intervals. In the air the planes formed one line. Ten minutes later three squadrons of nine planes each took off from the field. The planes formed three lines and flew 300 meters behind the first squadron. Between 30 and 35 minutes passed from the time the first plane took off and the formation left toward the west. The formation had not returned to the field by 3 p.m. (3)
3. On 26 July 1950 flying started at 1 p.m. and continued past midnight. All of the planes which made night flights circled the troop training grounds at Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65). Some of the planes had navigation lights. (4)
4. The revolving searchlight west of the field near the radio station was in operation during night flying. The radio station had a radio truck, a wooden screen and a truck. Four radio masts, between 2 and 3 meters high and arranged in a square, were between the radio station and the field. A box, 1 meter square, stood between the masts. (5)

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5. Thirty-six single-engine planes, all of the same type, landed at the field at 8:30 a.m. on 31 July 1950. They approached the field in four squadrons, two of nine planes, one of eight planes and one of ten planes. (3) The landing was done in elements of two and took 11 minutes. Forty-six planes were counted in the northeastern section of the field at 9 a.m. A minimum of 32 single-engine planes, 6 twin-engine transports and 4 biplanes were parked in front of the hangars in the southern section of the field. (1) Almost all planes were being worked on or refueled. An estimated 40 aircraft took off from the field at 10 a.m. without any pattern and at very short intervals. The planes formed four squadrons in the air and, in a close formation, headed northwest. (3) The aircraft had not returned at noon. The planes previously parked in the northeastern section of the field were gone. The planes on the southern edge had not changed their position. Six fuel trucks stood near the underground fuel pumps on the northern edge of the field.

6. On 4 August 1950, about 30 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines were parked in the southern section. Ten planes of the same type were in the eastern section, and about 20 planes in the center of the landing field. No flights were made between 9 and 11 a.m. although the weather was good. [REDACTED]

7. From 30 to 40 single-engine ground attack aircraft with the upper edges of the rudder assembly painted red were parked at the field at 11 a.m. on 3 August 1950. (1) Three twin-engine planes with single rudder assembly were in front of the hangars.

8. At 3 p.m. on 6 August, four twin-engine transports were counted in front of the hangars and 38 single-engine ground attack aircraft, some of which had the upper edges of their rudder assemblies painted red, on the eastern edge of the field. There was no flying although the sky was clear. (1) [REDACTED]

Comments.

- (1) The report confirms that, between 17 and 31 July 1950, the airfield was occupied by two ground attack regiments and an air transport regiment. According to the markings previously reported on the planes of one of the ground attack regiments, it came from Doeberitz. See [REDACTED]. On 30 July 1950 from 100 and 110 ground attack aircraft were allegedly stationed at the field but on 3 and 4 August 1950 only 40 to 70 planes were observed. See [REDACTED]. It is believed that one ground attack regiment has meanwhile been transferred.
- (2) Information that a type-14 jet plane took off from the Staaken field is reported for the first time. The plane apparently made an intermediate landing. The plane took off and landed on the runway which is only 1,200 meters long. It is noteworthy that the plane did not require a length of 2,000 meters to take off.
- (3) The information that the ground attack aircraft flew in four formations agrees with a previous report. See [REDACTED]. It is believed that a ground attack regiment is composed of four squadrons.

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- (4) Night flights have repeatedly been reported. No details are available on the type of exercises executed.
- (5) A radio station and a Adcock DF station west of the landing field have previously been reported.

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